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IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, S.B.C. 1980, c. 60, as amended
and

An Application by BC Gas Utility Ltd.
for Approval of a 1996/97 Gas Supply Contract and the
1997 Rates for the Fort Nelson Service Area

BEFORE: M.K. Jaccard, Chairperson; and)
L.R. Barr, Deputy Chairperson) January 2, 1997

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. On December 20, 1996 BC Gas Utility Ltd. ("BC Gas") filed for Commission approval of a Gas Purchase Letter Agreement for the 1996/97 gas contract year with CanWest Gas Supply Inc. ("CanWest") for the Fort Nelson Service Area; and
- B. The December 20, 1996 filing included an application by BC Gas for approval to pass through cost of gas changes to its Gas Tariff Rate Schedules for the Fort Nelson service area effective January 1, 1997 ("the Cost of Gas Application"); and
- C. The Commission has reviewed the Application and is satisfied that approval is necessary and in the public interest.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission approves the following for BC Gas:

- 1. The Gas Purchase Letter Agreement with CanWest dated December 13, 1996, for the 1996/97 gas contract year, subject to timely filing of the fully executed contract, pursuant to Section 85.3 of the Utilities Commission Act ("the Act") and the Rules.
- 2. Rate changes to Gas Tariff Rate Schedules, as set out in the Cost of Gas Application, are approved effective January 1, 1997 for the Fort Nelson service area, pursuant to Section 67(4) of the Act.

3. BC Gas is to inform all affected customers of the changes in rates effective January 1, 1997 by way of a customer notice.
4. The Commission will accept, subject to timely filing, amended Gas Tariff Rate Schedules in accordance with the terms of this Order.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 6th day of January, 1997.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

Dr. Mark K. Jaccard
Chairperson